Reports of the Sub-CammHtee on HTV

1107. SHRI SUEESH KALMADI:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sub-committee appointed by the Health Ministry to look into the com- plaints against the working of true HIV testing kits supplied through the world Health Organisation, has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the details of the findings; and

(c) what action Government have taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN ^ilE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVER A): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major finding of the sub-committee was that the laboratories reported false positive results *on* some of the known negative sera using a particular brand of HTV 1 End 2 kit. Thi$_s$ could load to wastage of some units of blood when test is carried out for blood safety. However, on HTV infected blood wiil be miesed by the test. The false positivity could be reduced by more number of washings than recom- mended 'oy the manufacturer.

(c) The observations of the Sub-Committee have been taken note of by the Government in its further procurement of HTV test Mts.

Steps to Monitor the cases oE TIV Infection

1193. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR;
SHRI RAINI RAMAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to $_a$ WHO report the're were about 1.6 million people in India infected with HTV at the end of 1993;

(b) whether a pressfigious and widely circulated Indian journal of Clinical Practice places this figure at as high as 20 million;

(c) what i$_s$ Government's official estimate about these cases, State wise; and

(d) what steps are being taken to correctly monitor the AIDS and HTV. infection cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c): Estimates about the possible incidence of HTV infection in India are being made from time to time by various agencies, including W.H.O. These are mostly in the nature of guesses and extrapolations 'oased on experience. No categorical statement can be made in this respect.

(d) Monitoring of HIV trends -is being done through the sentinal sur veillance mechanism established through
out the country. Cases of AIDS and AIDS-relates illnesses we repor ted by the States every month.